Calamity Relief Fund

*5. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India's share under Calamity Relief Fund for the period 1999-2000 in respect of Karnataka is Rs. 36.28 Cr. and only Rs. 18 Cr. has, so far, been released; and

(b) if so, the likely date by which the remaining amount will be released?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The entire Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 1999-2000 amounting to Rs. 36.29 crore has been released to the State.

Child Labour in States

*6. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of child labour working in different private/public establishments and the budget allocation made for child labour projects during the current financial year 1999-2000; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to implement the Child Labour Laws?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) as per the 1991 census, the number of working children in the country is 11.28 million. Private/public establishment wise number of working children are not maintained. Budget allocation made for child labour projects during the current financial year i.e., 1999-2000 is Rs. 34 crores.

(b) The Central Government is responsible for enforcement of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 in Railways, major ports, mines, oil fields and establishments under the control of

the Central Government. In all other cases, State/UT Governments are responsible for enforcement of the Act. Employers found employing children in occupations and processes prohibited under the Act are prosecuted under the provisions of the Act. State/UT Governments furnish information to the Central Government on implementation of the provisions of the Act. The enforcement of the labour laws is reviewed from time to time through Zonal Labour Ministers' Conference, through meetings of the monitoring Committee Chaired by Secretary, Labour as also by deputing Senior Officials to the field to oversee the pace and progress of enforcement of Child Labour related laws. On the basis of these review gaps are identified corrective action is taken.

Refining capacity in the country

*7. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has become self-sufficient in refining capacity;

(b) what are the refineries and their respective capacities per year, which will be commissioned in 2000;

(c) whether it is a fact that refining is expected to increase further in the year 2001;

(d) to what extent will surplus capacity of refineries create a negative impact on the petroleum sector; and

(e) the steps proposed to review the need for more refineries?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) India has become near self-sufficient in refining capacity.

(b) Mathura Refinery expansion by 0.5 million tonnes per annum is expected to be completed by end of February 2000. In addition, Visakh Refinery expansion by 3 million tonnes per annum is expected to be completed by March 2000.